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## **Athletes Bring Competition to the Hardwood with the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Championships**

**LOUISVILLE, KY (April 15, 2013)** – The National Wheelchair Basketball Association Championships are taking over Louisville April 18-21. The Championship and Division III tournament play will be held in South Wing C and South Wing D, Rooms 101-112 of the Kentucky Exposition Center. More than 1,000 athletes from across the United States and Canada will compete. This event is expected to generate nearly \$1 million in economic impact for Louisville.

Competition runs Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday from 9 p.m. – 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 per day or \$15 for the whole tournament. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle.

The finals for Division III and Championship Division will be Sunday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Included with Thursday's admission, there will be a celebrity wheelchair game featuring local Louisville VIPs and Paralympic athletes at 1 p.m.

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association was founded in 1948 and consists of men's, women's intercollegiate and youth teams throughout the United States and Canada. The goal of the NWBA is to provide qualified individuals with physical disabilities the opportunity to play wheelchair basketball.

For more information, visit <http://www.nwba.org/>.

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One of the top 10 largest public facilities of its kind in the United States, the Kentucky Exposition Center features 1.2 million square feet of indoor space including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena which seats over 19,000 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 425,700 square feet and accommodates an amazing spectrum of events year round. The expo center is the permanent home for the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show, and the North American International Livestock Exposition. Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle. For more information, go online to [www.kyexpo.org](http://www.kyexpo.org).